

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

**118-10**

**OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA**

Add at the end of subtitle C of title V the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_ . CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF AN OFFICER**  
2 **OR MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, SERV-**  
3 **ING ON ACTIVE DUTY, TO SEEK CIVIL OFFICE.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 973 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraphs (1) through (5), by  
8 striking “officer” each place it appears and in-  
9 serting “officer or member”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
11 paragraph (7); and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
13 following new paragraph (6):

14 “(6) The Secretary concerned may permit an officer  
15 or member serving on active duty to seek civil office (in-  
16 cluding participating in political campaign activities) if—

1           “(A) such officer or member is eligible for  
2           preseparation counseling under section 1142 of this  
3           title;

4           “(B) such officer or member is on terminal  
5           leave;

6           “(C) the term of such civil office begins after  
7           the anticipated date of the discharge or release from  
8           active duty of the officer or member; and

9           “(D) in the course of seeking civil office, the of-  
10          ficer or member does not use any Federal property  
11          or refer to the rank or grade of such officer or mem-  
12          ber.”; and

13          (2) in subsection (c), by striking “officer” and  
14          inserting “officer or member”.

15          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Such section is amend-  
16          ed in the heading by striking “**officers**” and inserting  
17          “**members**”.

